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### EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Committee on Arrangements for the coming meeting of the State Society—the Fortieth Annual Meeting—announce that their plans are practically completed. As already stated in the JOURNAL, the Hotel Sacramento is to be the headquarters and members should make their reservations as early as possible. Other good hotels are nearby, however, in case the Hotel Sacramento can not hold us all. On Tuesday afternoon, April 19th, Dr. James H. Parkinson, President of the Society, will entertain the visiting ladies at his residence, and on the same night a smoker and informal reception will be held on the roof garden of the Hotel Sacramento. Wednesday afternoon there will be an excursion to Fair Oaks and Orangevale, and on the same evening, after the session of the House of Delegates, there will be a reception at Elks' Hall. Thursday afternoon there will be an excursion on the river for the ladies, and on Thursday night a general reception at the Crocker Art Gallery, to be given by the Sacramento County Medical Society. The Hotel Sacramento has arranged a special rate of \$3.50 and \$4.00 per day on the American plan. The various sessions of the Society will be held in Elks' Hall, which is quite near to the hotel. The usual railroad rates of one and one-third fare for the round trip will prevail. Pay the full fare for the going ticket, and be sure to get a receipt certificate when you buy the ticket.

This must be signed by the Secretary at the meeting. When you return, present this to the ticket agent and the return ticket will be issued for one-third fare. But be sure you get your receipt certificate; if you fail to get it you can not secure the one-third return rate.

The desire to get "something for nothing," whether it be by playing the races, the stock market or merely piling up the "un-

**SOMETHING FOR NOTHING.** earned increment," is a fundamental characteristic of human nature. Deep as the pliocene and broad as earthly evolution from protoplasm to *genus homo*, is this inherent desire to get "something for nothing." Did you ever see anyone giving away anything of value absolutely for nothing (except in the case of charity), unless he expected to get back a little more than he gave? No; but on any street corner you can see someone who is either scheming or trying to get "something for nothing." All this is suggested by the attempt of the "Kaplan Medical Publishing Company" to quietly appropriate the Register and Directory which belongs to the State Society. The scheme was a clever one. This company (the incorporators appear to be Henry Kaplan, Dr. D. A. Hodghead and someone named Davis(?)), has said, in effect, to all the members of our Society: "We will publish this Register four times a year and combine with it masterly (?) reviews of all medical progress; and we will send it to you, four times a year, FREE!" How touchingly benevolent! This "company" is so philanthropic in its desires that it just cannot help giving away for nothing what it costs a good deal to produce. Why should it want to present you with "something for nothing?" Why? It is still more of a mystery when we remember that the offer to do this was made to the Society last April—and, by the House of Delegates, declined. And still these gentlemen are insistent in their philanthropy; they simply *must* give the members "something for nothing." Why? If you look at it in that light does it not seem to you to be, well, just a little bit queer? If either Mr. Henry Kaplan or Dr. D. A. Hodghead have heretofore been noted for their pure and heavenly philanthropy it has, in some unfortunate way, escaped our attention. This might be qualified in some measure in the case of Dr. Hodghead (if he is still connected with the Kaplan Medical Publishing Co.), for it is understood that he is and has been for some few years, actively interested in one of those "pay-a-dollar-a-month-and-we-treat-you-for-nothing" companies, where the subscriber gets just about as much medical treatment as he pays for and which claim to be formed for the high and lofty purpose of furnishing medical and surgical aid to the poor—not for revenue only; Heaven save the mark! Oh, no! Not at all! It is another form of the philanthropic spirit that will not down. It is again "something for nothing," but the trouble is to determine who gets the "something."